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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BSNL subscribers as on date;

(b) whether there has been no additions in the number of subscribers in the month of April, May and June, `07;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(d) whether the company has already lost Rs. 110 crores in revenue in procuring equipments ;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the equipment will be procured ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, number of customers of BSNL as on 30th June, 2007 is 6.50 crores.

(b) No, Sir. BSNL has added customers during the months of April, May & June, 2007. Details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Month	Net Addition in no. of telephone customers
1	April, 2007	70,181
2	May, 2007	19,833
3	June, 2007	2,39,930
Total net addition during three months		3,29,944

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) & (e) BSNL's loss is merely on account of opportunity lost and it cannot be construed as revenue loss.

(f)Availability of equipment is a continuous process. As regards GSM mobile equipment, tender evaluation process has been concluded and Advance Purchase Orders (APO) have been placed which is yet to be accepted by the successful bidders.The equipment is expected to be progressively available in about six months time from the date of acceptance of APO.